IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, lines 19-24 of the specification with the following amended version thereof:

A suitable TCAM for use with the present invention is described in co-pending U.S. Patent Appl. Ser. No. 09/130,890, filed August 7, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,389,506, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety. Other suitable TCAMs are commercially available from NetLogic Microsystems, Inc. of Mountain View, California and Music Semiconductors of Hackettstown, New Jersey.

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